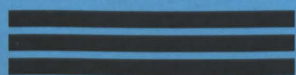


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The Australian UFO Bulletin has returned after an extended break. Firstly, we would like to apologize to our members who have not received a copy of the Bulletin since the last edition in December 2005.

During 2006 it became increasingly difficult for the usual editorial team to produce the Bulletin. This was exacerbated by the retirement of Judith Magee after nearly 30 years as our President and followed by Bernard Wilson. Judith & Bernard have been the stalwarts that have worked tirelessly to produce a quality magazine for our members along with many other jobs that are required to keep VUFORS running.

The Committee and Members of VUFORS extend their heartfelt Thanks to Judith & Bernard for the huge effort that they have put into the Society over many years and Wish them a happy retirement from ufology.

Read more about Judith's history in a special article in this issue of the Bulletin.

Q&A We've received many questions from our members recently and here are our answers:

Is VUFORS still operating? Yes, even with the loss of Judith & Bernard VUFORS continues to operate into its 50th year. Our quarterly Discussion Nights are still occurring with good numbers of members and non-members in attendance to hear and view latest UFO news.

What about the missing Bulletins? Basically, we are resuming Bulletin production with this edition. Prior Bulletins will not be produced. Our efforts will go in to producing a regular quality Bulletin for our members into the future.

Am I still a financial member? Yes, we have extended each membership so that members will receive the number of Bulletins that they are entitled to. We also halted the sending out of membership reminders during 2006/07 but that will resume with this edition of the Bulletin.

Your website is out of date. What's happening? The website is available to the general public and does serve to advertise the Society and to share information with the world. However, we will always provide information directly to our members via the Bulletin and our Discussion Evenings **firstly** before it ever gets on to our website. This is the benefit of being a VUFORS member.

The team will be endeavoring to continue to produce a high quality magazine in the Australian UFO Bulletin for all VUFORS members well into the future. We hope you enjoy the content of this edition. As always, if you have suggestions for articles you would like to see, subjects you would like covered or even if you would like to lend a hand, then please drop us a letter or email.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

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While there had been a number of large bushfires in Victoria since late December 2005, some involving loss of life, the ones of particular concern to me were those in The Grampians National Park, especially those that occurred in the regions where our UFO activity usually occurred. I was particularly keen to discover what impact the bushfires might have had on the frequency, duration and other characteristics of our UFO sightings.

The ABC (Australian Broadcasting Commission) reported on the 27th of January that The Grampians National Park was still being threatened by a very large bushfire that had been raging all week through thousands of hectares of the mountainous terrain. At that time, the Victorian fire fighters were studiously watching the weather and the scorching activities of the fire.

Halls Gap, where I usually reside while UFO watching in The Grampians, was a staging point for fire crews planning their assaults on some 300 kilometres of fire fronts. With around 1000 fire fighters continuously moving in and out of the town, and the town itself being threatened by the fire, the roads into The Grampians, and especially those into Halls Gap, were closed to non-essential visitors.

Once the fires around the Halls Gap Township had been subdued, the roads into Halls Gap were reopened to tourists and visitors, I made three trips to the township with the intention of travelling to Reids Lookout to see what impact the bushfires had had on the UFO

viewing.

Unfortunately, on the first two visits, the roads to the lookout were closed due to burnt and damaged tree limbs endangering travellers. To avoid allowing these two trips to be wasted, I took the opportunity to survey the residents living in locations from which they could view the south side of the ranges. I also interviewed farmers, tourists, and personnel at a number of motels, caravan parks, and camping grounds.

Over the previous years I had covered the north eastern and western areas, and found a similar response pattern. Farmers usually go to bed early and as a consequence rarely have night time sightings. Most of the residents have seen unusual lights, but usually passed them off as aircraft lights or stars, without deeper observation and consideration.

Reports of UFO sightings by residents are few and far between, but relatively recently, some residents have made one or two reports to our UFO organisation. Over the past four years, many of the interviewed residents had heard of the activities of the unusual lights, and had gone to nearby lookouts and ranges to see for themselves. Having seen this nightly activity, many were not prepared to discuss their sightings openly, for fear of ridicule.

Finally on March 20th at 08:00 p.m., on my third attempt to reach Reids Lookout, the road had been cleared and I was successful. A few minutes after stopping, extracting my bug detector and setting it to its minimum sensitiv-

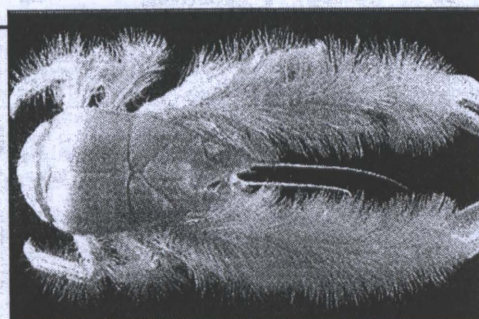
ity, I looked up to see a brilliant glowing white light.

The detector commenced beeping and illuminating its coloured LEDs. These events occurred for a time interval of less than one minute and then ceased abruptly. Not realising that I would not see any further activity that night, I waited and watched until 10:00 p.m., and then returned to the Halls Gap YHA, and my warm bed.

I finally got to the lookout on 20th March at 08:00 p.m. I had only settled down with the instrument set to minimum, and looked up when a bright white light flashed brightly the instrument went to all three levels for less than a minute and then shut off. I waited for two hours and could not see any other lights but stars for two hours so I got impatient and drove back to YHA.

On 21st March, I went back to the lookout at 8 pm and sit for another two hours with no lights but stars visible. During the two days and nights I saw no birds, kangaroos or any wildlife in the mountains, there was no vegetation in the two valleys unburned so I assumed if scanning was what UAP was doing they were not interested in scanning burned out landscape so I shall be returning to the Grampians to see if the recovering process is of any interest to the UAP.

Jacqui and I are anxious to start our next phase, which is diffraction grating filming of the lights, which are beeping and blinking. Jacqui has phoned me that she has the lens installed and is ready for action. I think that we will hear more of evolution of a camera later. ■



Yeti crab: one of the new species. Picture: AP

Search for ET is heating up

OSLO — Marine creatures are thriving by a record hot volcanic vent in the Atlantic and in dark waters under thick Antarctic ice.

This has boosted theories that planets other than Earth are suitable for life, scientists said yesterday.

About 150 new types of fish were among 500 new marine species — including furry crabs and a lobster off Madagascar — found in the seas this year, according to researchers in the 70-nation Census of Marine Life.

Many species were found in places long thought too hostile for life, including by a vent spewing liquids at 407C and other habitats that were dark, cold or deep.

Some places seemed as inhospitable as Mars or Venus.

"The age of discovery is not over," said Jesse Ausubel, a program manager at the US

Sloan Foundation, which is a sponsor of the 10-year census.

Finds "are provocative for NASA and for people who are interested in life in places other than earth".

Among finds this year were shrimps, clams and bacteria living by the 407C vent on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean, north of Ascension Island — the hottest sea vent ever documented and hot enough to melt lead.

"This is the most extreme environment and there is plenty of life around it," said Chris German, of Britain's Southampton Oceanography Centre.

And another expedition found crustaceans, jellyfish and single-celled animals in darkness in the Weddell Sea off Antarctica, under ice 700m thick. —REUTERS

Herald Sun—12 December 2006

Farewell to Judith Magee

VUFORS President since 1978 retires

As an air hostess in the 1950's Judy Magee was fascinated to watch the Captain on a flight to Darwin track and film an unidentified flying object. She was already interested in the new subject of ufology and in the late fifties she joined the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society. She was invited onto the Committee, became Secretary and subsequently Vice President.

When Paul Norman migrated from the United States he joined the Society and went onto the Committee as Sightings Officer. This led to a unique and dynamic trio of Peter Norris, Judy Magee and Paul Norman — affectionately known as "Peter, Paul and Mary"

— taking the Society from strength to strength and, in the process, making it the largest UFO research organisation in Australia.

In 1976 Judy took a break from the Society to travel to the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. In those countries she took the opportunity to meet leading UFO researchers and made valuable and lasting contacts.

Peter Norris resigned from the Committee in 1978 and Judy took over the presidency. To her credit she maintained Peter's rational, scientific approach to ufology and the Society continued to grow. At one stage we had a membership of nearly 500.

A notable event during Judy's tenure was the disappearance of pilot Frederick Valentich. She oversaw an intensive investigation by the Society into the incident. More than fifty sightings of the aircraft along the flight path from Moorabbin Airport to King Island were obtained including a sighting of the mystery object involved in the disappearance of the



Bernard & Judith at a recent celebration

aircraft.

Judy's contribution to VUFORS and ufology over the decades has been remarkable. In fact back in the 1970's Dr J. Allen Hynek described her as "Australia's Coral Lorenzen." Coral was the widely respected co-Director of America's Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (APRO).

Unfortunately time catches up with all of us and, with indifferent health and advancing years, Judy decided to retire from the Committee late last year. She was the longest serving President of VUFORS and her service to the Society has been invaluable.

Earlier this year the remaining Committee members arranged a farewell dinner for Judy and Bernard Wilson, who has resigned from the Committee. Judy will remain a VUFORS member as she still has a keen

interest in the subject.

On behalf of all our members, we extend to Judy and Bernard our warmest thanks for their contribution to VUFORS and wish them long, happy and healthy retirements.

Below: VUFORS Committee



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VUFORS

50TH ANNIVERSARY

1957—2007

This year, 2007, see VUFORS celebrate its 50th anniversary.

During the last 50 years many people have contributed their time and skills to the running of our organisation. The committee members, investigators, area representatives and specialists volunteer their personal time to the many tasks required to run VUFORS from the investigation of sighting reports; preparation of the Bulletin; running the Discussion evenings; through to paying the bills and maintaining our membership database.

VUFORS has also been blessed with a very loyal band of members, without whom VUFORS would not exist. Membership fees go towards paying the costs related to investigations; Bulletin production and the running of our Discussion evenings.

The interest and participation of our members are the reasons for the existence of VUFORS.

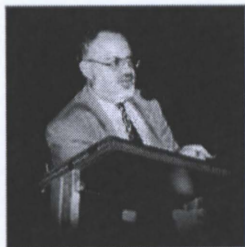
This anniversary is an opportunity to Thank all of the above people for their efforts and support over the last 50 years. These contributions have made VUFORS into an organisation that is respected across the world in the field of UFO research.



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In early July, 1947, a mysterious object crashed on a ranch 30 miles north of Roswell. The Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) issued a statement claiming to have recovered a crashed "flying disk." An article ran on the front page of the Roswell Daily Record and the next day, RAAF changed its statement to say that the object was a weather balloon, not a flying disk as they previously reported. This revised statement sparked immediate controversy and has continued to be a topic of debate 60 years later.

The city of Roswell expected 50,000 visitors to attend a 4 day celebration event.



The UFO "WHY?" Questions

by Stanton T. Friedman

4th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference

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ABSTRACT

I have been fortunate enough to lecture (usually "Flying Saucers ARE Real") over 700 times in 18 countries. My audiences, mostly college and professional groups, seem to have no problem accepting the detailed factual data that I present leading to my conclusions that SOME UFOs are alien spacecraft and that the subject of flying saucers represents a kind of Cosmic Watergate. But what seems to be of most concern, judging by the Question and Answer sessions, are the "WHY?" questions. Why would saucers crash? Why would aliens visit Earth? Why doesn't the government tell us what it knows? Why would aliens not land on the White House lawn or at the United Nations? Why would people fake MJ-12 documents? Why do you say SETI stands for Silly Effort To Investigate? Why have you kept at it for 39 years? Why hasn't the government taken you out? Perhaps my answers will help the reader answer his "WHY?" questions, or lead to more such questions.

THE UFO "WHY?" QUESTIONS

1. WHY have you concluded that the evidence is overwhelming that Earth is being visited by intelligently controlled Extraterrestrial Spacecraft?

The simplest answer is that it is the only conclusion merited by the enormous amount of evidence. In my lectures I review 5 large scale scientific studies and ask after each one how many have read it. Typically fewer than 2% have read any. I note the 5000-plus physical trace cases that Ted Phillips has collected from over 70 countries. In these people see a craft land and then take off leaving behind various markings on the soil such as burn circles, landing gear marks, small footprints, dried out rings of soil, etc. These are not crop circles where normally no saucer is seen. About 1/6 of these cases involve reports of small beings. I refer to the more than 1000 abduction cases that have been investigated by Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, John Mack, and Raymond Fowler and the Betty and Barney Hill case as recorded by John G. Fuller. I review the outstanding work by Marjorie Fish clearly indicating that Betty's star map makes sense and provides information not previously known to us. Furthermore, I have spent time at 20 archives, had a security clearance for 14 years, and find it perfectly obvious that crucial data has been withheld and many government people have lied with regard to UFOs. Saying some UFOs are of ET origin, of course, doesn't answer other questions such as WHY are aliens coming here, WHY haven't I seen one, where are they from, etc., etc.

2. WHY don't the aliens, if they are real, just land on the White House lawn and say "Take me to your leader."?

Obviously I don't speak for any aliens. However, let us note three facts:

A. The White House is in a forbidden flying zone. Our response to intruders in such zones is to take immediate action to escort the intruders away or shoot them down. As far back as the summer of 1952 when, in July, UFOs did fly over the White House, orders were given to military interceptors to shoot down UFOs if they don't land when instructed to do so. This is described in detail in Frank Feschino Jr.'s new book "Shoot Them Down." Major General Roger Ramey proclaimed that interceptors had been scrambled hundreds of times without any luck. As an indication of the zeal of pilots, I have heard of at least 7 specific cases in which the UFOs zapped attacking earthling aircraft. Tim Good in his new book "Need to Know" recounts similar cases. I am working on a claim by a pilot that UFOs took out 20 of our planes in Europe in the early 1950s.

B. It may come as a surprise to many Americans, but the President of the USA doesn't speak for Planet Earth. After all who elected him World President? Certainly not the billion people from India or the 1.3 billion people in China. Obviously the UN also does not speak for Planet Earth, either.

C. Normally, negotiations only take place between roughly equal parties. Surely it is not difficult to see that aliens have technology far in advance of earthling

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technology. Their vehicles are clearly faster, more maneuverable, and have access to huge space carriers (mother ships) with lord-knows-what capability. They have no reason to negotiate when they can already do what they please.

3. WHY in the world would aliens want to come here if, as you have claimed, we are a primitive society whose major activity is clearly tribal warfare?

Answers to this question depend very much on one's picture of the local galactic neighborhood and of the situation on our planet. The SETI cultists seem to think we are the Crown of Creation and that there may be "as many" as 50,000 civilizations in our Milky Way Galaxy, which has a few hundred billion stars. It is almost 100,000 light years across which, according to Frank Drake, means there may be another civilization "only" 1000 light years away. This would, of course, make us very special as one of the elite civilizations. I think that there are probably many advanced civilizations within our local neighborhood on planets around some of the 2300 stars within 54 light years, especially the 46 that are very similar to the sun. The driving fact here is that we have only had fancy technology for perhaps 100 years. But the earth is about 4.5 billion years old and has been suitable for life for well over a billion years.

Just down the street, 39.4 light years away, we find a pair of sun-like stars, Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli. These are only an 1/8 of a light year apart from each other, but are a billion years older than the sun. In other

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words, there has been a great deal of time for other civilizations to establish themselves. Having an easily observable neighbor nearby would provide far more incentive for the development of interstellar travel than we have out here in the boondocks. My view is, per a fine analogy from physicist Beatriz Gabo Rivera, that we are like the gorillas in a nature preserve in Africa who know nothing about what is going on outside the preserve. I think aliens have been traipsing around the neighborhood for a very long time indeed. I think it is hilarious that Dr. Seth Shostak, one of the noisier SETI guys, says there is nobody at ZR 1 or ZR 2, because they were listened to by a Southern Radio Observatory 10 years ago. One would think he knows what equipment and frequency alien communicators way ahead of us would use, and that they are trying to attract our attention, which is totally absurd.

Answers also depend greatly on how difficult it is to travel within the neighborhood. If one is a SETI cultist noting (as on the terrible Peter Jennings, Feb. 24, 2005, TV mockumentary) that our fastest spacecraft is the Voyager probe and that it would take 70,000 years to get to the nearest star, trips would be very uncommon indeed. A much more realistic approach is to note that Voyager hasn't had a propulsion system on it since it left Earth. It is coasting, helped by some cosmic freeloading. Can we estimate the time it takes to cross the ocean by throwing a bottle in? Can we tell how long it would take to fly from New York to Los Angeles by putting a feather in the air? It took Charles Lindberg 33 hours to cross the Atlantic. The Concorde did it in just a

few hours. The space station goes around the entire earth in 90 minutes. Electromagnetic signals take 1/7 of a second to circumscribe the earth.

Remember, we have just started on our technological kick. Think back to 1900. Note no TV or radio or microwaves or nuclear power plants or satellites or DNA testing or lasers or computers or airplanes or rockets or nuclear weapons or transplanted organs. I am convinced that, unless we stupidly destroy ourselves, there will be a time when star travel is not considered any more far out than crossing the Atlantic on a 747 is today. I recently flew nonstop from Newark, New Jersey, to Hong Kong, China, in less than 17 hours. Nuclear submarines circumnavigate the globe without surfacing. Obviously there are those who think star travel is impossible. If that were true, which it isn't, obviously nobody could be coming here from the stars.

Think of all the people going through O'Hare Airport in a year and the huge variety of reasons for travel. To get the ball rolling, here are some reasons for coming here. I am sure the reader can think of more.

A. Graduate students doing their thesis work on the development of a primitive society, on a planet where, amazingly, there is no planetary government, and where there are many different languages; on various strange biological specimens, or on genetic variations of the intelligent beings.

B. Broadcasters with weekly shows such as "Idiocy in the Boondocks."

C. Mining engineers similar to those who went to California and the Klondike and Australia for gold, or to Texas and the Middle East for oil. As it happens, the earth is the densest planet in the solar system, so would be expected to have more of the rare but very important very heavy metals such as gold, uranium, rhenium, platinum, tungsten, osmium, etc. These are all much denser than lead. We know from studying star spectra that they are rare. They also have very special properties.

D. Mining engineers extracting more common metals from the nodules on the bottom of the ocean and from the asteroids between Mars and Jupiter. We have been talking about doing this. Obviously war is much more important than ocean mining to us, so we build nuclear submarines to stay in the depths of the ocean carrying their multitude of nuclear tipped missiles. There are also abundant supplies of so-called rare earths, many used in the electronics and nuclear industries. It should not be forgotten that a century ago the primary use for uranium was to prepare yellow glazes for pottery. Zirconium and titanium were essentially worthless. Now nuclear navies use zirconium based alloys because of their splendid nuclear and anticorrosion properties. Titanium is used in aircraft like the SR-71 because of its high strength and low density.

E. Operators of refueling and rest and relaxation centers on the back side of the moon or in the depths of the ocean or in the asteroid belt.

F. Visitors checking on old colonies established by their ancestors. Perhaps there were many different ones which

might explain why we have black, brown, red, yellow and white races.

G. Jailers. This may be a penal colony on which aliens dropped off their bad boys and girls and that is why we are so nasty to each other. Georgia and Australia were first settled by convicts. Letting the convicts go bother other civilizations who, unlike us, have learned to live peacefully, may be a no-no in the galactic rule book.

H. Vacationers. This may be a recreation center. Notice how many people visit Hawaii and Las Vegas and Orlando. If the travel wasn't easy, how many would venture forth to see Mickey Mouse or gaming tables or surfing beaches?

I. Specimen gatherers for ET zoos and aquariums. We are still finding new specimens.

J. Local galactic horticultural societies collecting specimens for their displays and genetic cross breeding.

K. Medical researchers. They may have to evaluate the genetic material of loads of specimens to find genetic defects or super-special genes. There are a number of conditions whose frequency in the population is quite small (for example, only one person in 14,000 has hemophilia) so many specimens must be checked.

L. Honeymooners. Perhaps this is the honeymoon capital for this corner of the neighborhood. Special rates for a week on Earth... side trips to the moon and Mars...

M. Cartographers. Local neighborhood maps may describe, for example, the equivalent of English coaling stations in

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the 19th century.

N. Sports enthusiasts. There may be special excursions to observe various such events. Don't forget that a World Championship Chess match was held in Iceland.

O. Scouts seeking the best site for a new amusement park in the solar system.

P. Weapons inspectors. If we make the eminently reasonable assumption that every advanced civilization is concerned

about its own

survival and

security, than we

would expect that

our development of

Weapons of Mass

Destruction and the

means for delivering

them in the local neighborhood would be of great concern. Clearly after World War II it should take less than a century for us to master fission and fusion and other new technologies to allow us to take our brand of friendship/hostility... out there. Thus, a logical reason to visit is to quarantine us until we develop a technique for learning to live at peace with each other. No galactic federation new-member committee would allow us to join. Too primitive. I suspect that the SETI cultists think they would be welcome guests. Not very likely.

Q. Producers. Having worked on a lot of motion picture documentaries at many locations, I would suggest perhaps some visitors are planning epic fiction and factual movies for film companies at home... shooting on location hither and yon.

4. WHY is the government not telling what it knows?

Are they afraid of War of the Worlds panic? I hardly think so. After all, New Jersey was being destroyed by Martians. What could we do against them? Panic was not inappropriate. First we have to recognize there is a Cosmic Watergate and a long history of government lies about UFOs such as I described in Ref. 1, which lists lies from the FBI, CIA, USAF, NSA, etc. Some want to insist that (A) governments can't keep secrets, and (B)

the real secret is that they don't know what is going on and can't admit that either.

I disagree with both.

A few examples of

secret-keeping that have leaked out: The Manhattan Engineering District employed 130,000 people to develop the atomic bomb at a cost of several billion dollars in total secrecy during World War II. The Allies broke the German code during World War II and had 12,000 people working at Bletchley Park in the UK intercepting, decoding and translating German military communications. If the secret had come out, the Germans would have changed their codes. There was really nothing in public until 25 years later despite the obviously great improvements in technology. We also had broken the Japanese military codes — again in secret. With regard to B, note that the military agencies have monitoring systems that provide far more information than we civilians can obtain — and in secret.

The Naval Research Laboratory finally

admitted in 1995 that it had launched a bunch of Corona electromagnetic intelligence satellites to monitor Soviet radar and communications systems starting in 1960, after 12 secret failures. The first one that worked provided more data than all the previous secret U-2 flights that preceded it. The Soviets knew about the U-2, but dared not admit that they couldn't do anything about it. The American people had not been informed. Similarly the Soviets had shot down a number of military reconnaissance aircraft probing Russia, North Korea, and China causing the loss of 166 crew members. Their families were lied to: unfortunate accident, crashed at sea, etc. It was not until 2001 that the USA had a meeting with families of the crew members that they were told what happened, even though most of the losses occurred in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. Medals were distributed. William Burrows tells the story in his book "By Any Means Necessary" (Ref. 2).

The National Reconnaissance Office first admitted in 2005 that it had launched 7 Poppy satellites between 1962 and 1971. Their function was to conduct very sophisticated monitoring of electronic and radar installations on Soviet ships. Thousands of people were involved.

So yes, indeed, secrets can be kept. The annual US Black Budget is estimated at 30-40 billion dollars. That is a lot of secrecy.

So WHY keep UFOs secret?

A. All major countries and many terrorist groups would very much like to duplicate the flight technology of the saucers. They can literally fly circles around our

vehicles, move at very high speed, make right angle turns, move straight up and down — typically with little noise, no visible engines, no exhaust. They would make wonderful weapons delivery and defensive systems. Since we have recovered wreckage at least as early as 1947 (see "Crash at Corona", Ref. 3) we would have set up a highly classified project (call it Operation Majestic 12 as described in my book "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" (Ref. 4)) to try both to evaluate the wreckage and to obtain measurements of flight characteristics using airborne and space-borne and earth-based radar sets, cameras, electromagnetic sensors, and other instrumentation. Surely governments have very much more sophisticated instruments and observation platforms than do private individuals. The key rule here is that one can't tell one's friends without telling one's enemies. It appears that there have been many UFO crashes including ones overseas (Varginha, Brazil, for example). There is a long history of countries gathering and evaluating crashed vehicles of their enemies. This does not require a conspiracy; everybody has the same self interest concerns.

B. Each country worries about its enemies determining the secrets of saucer technology before they do and must be concerned about how to defend against new vehicles and also how to learn what the other guy has already learned. Soviet spies at Los Alamos apparently shortened the time it took the Soviets to test their first A-bomb (1949) by at least a year.

C. What if an announcement were made, by highly trusted individuals around the world, such as the Queen and the Pope,

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saying that indeed SOME UFOs are ET spacecraft? Here are some things I believe would happen:

- (1) Church attendance would increase.
- (2) Mental hospital admissions would increase.
- (3) The stock market would go down; uncertainty is always the enemy.

(4) Based on my more than 600 college lectures, the younger generation, which, unlike me, was

never alive when there wasn't a space program, would push for a new view of ourselves as EARTHLINGS instead of as Americans, Canadians, Greeks, Peruvians, etc. Many would think that would be great. But I know of no government on Earth that wants its citizens to owe their primary allegiance to the planet (where it belongs) instead of to individual national governments. Nationalism is the only game in town. I believe that alien visitors — they may be our landlords, for all we know — think of us as earthlings even though, because of our military traffic, they would be well aware of different ruling groups in different places.

D. A small group of religious fundamentalists (Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson come to mind) have already loudly proclaimed that UFOs are the work of the devil and there is no other intelligent life outside Earth. What an insult to the notion of an all powerful GOD! They would be up the creek without a religious

paddle if an announcement were to be made. They have had a great deal of political clout.

E. Making an announcement would require that governments admit they have been lying through their teeth for decades. I don't know of any government that wants to do that.

F. If an announcement were carefully made without the scare mongering of "War of the Worlds", a lot of people would think that surely, aliens, who can come here,

must be far more advanced technologically than are we, since we can't go out there. This would strongly suggest that soon

there would be new methods of energy production, air and ground transport, computers and communication systems, i.e. economic chaos. We are not very good at large scale economic changes in a hurry. Think of the Soviet Union which, at our strong demands, had democracy, elections, freedom, capitalism. On the average, except for the high price of oil, are Russians better off today than they were 17 years ago??

G. Because I am convinced that military pilots in many countries have been disintegrated or "disappeared" by UFOs, I think governments would all be very resistant to telling their citizens that we tried to attack UFOs and they returned the favor — only they succeeded. The head of the American Rocket Society in 1952 took President Truman to task for the attack orders. Frank Feschino Jr. ("Shoot Them Down") has gathered hundreds of reports

WHY would saucers crash?

of supposed airplane crashes in the USA and overseas in the early 1950s. Three military pilots, each of whom flew over 100 missions in Korea where they had to deal with marauding MIGs, crashed when they came back home. That seems very suspicious to me.

5. WHY would saucers crash?

Usually this is accompanied by a comment that it makes no sense that a sophisticated vehicle coming from many light years away could possibly crash. Please note that the vehicle could have come from a base on the back side of the moon, in the asteroid belt, on Mars or some alien "coaling station" in the local neighborhood. I once did 25 college lectures in 35 days in 15 states. I was gone all the time from when I left home until I returned rather than going back and forth to home after each lecture.

A. In the first place, there are many indications that what crashed at Roswell and in the Plains of San Agustin in New Mexico in early July, 1947, were small Earth excursion modules rather than the interstellar, very large vehicles (space carriers? mother ships?) which would have brought them to Earth just as our large aircraft carriers carry 75 or so small airplanes whose mode of propulsion is distinctly different from that of the carrier.

B. Secondly, when we examine major efforts by the Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause of aircraft crashes, we often find, after much effort, that it was simple unexpected things ranging from loose bolts, to ingested birds, to faulty wiring, to pilot error, to ice in the wrong place. It could have been very high

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atmospheric electricity levels because of storms or the great dryness of the desert air. Or unexpected high altitude hail. We know a radar set was on over at White Sands because of an impending rocket launch and the fact that it used vacuum tubes. This was a tracking radar pointed North. Crossing the beam might have led to a small hiccup in the control system for a magnetoaerodynamic propulsion system leading to a collision and subsequent collision of the lead saucer and its wingman's saucer. Perhaps a US military rocket launched in the neighborhood might have inadvertently homed in on a saucer. Perhaps there was a momentary loss of attention when the Trinity highly radioactive site, at which the first atomic bomb was tested, was noted. We certainly have no reason to believe that aliens never make mistakes, or never run into the unexpected. Some day perhaps the government will release the report that was undoubtedly written as to the causes of the crashes. Just because we don't have that report, it doesn't mean the event didn't take place.

6. WHY haven't you seen a flying saucer?

I have no idea, though I have mostly lived in cities and am watching for traffic rather than looking to the skies. I check my audiences after my lectures and find that typically 10% have seen one, which covers many decades. Only 10% of those were reported. I have never seen Tokyo either or had polio or HIV. I know people who have seen Tokyo, had polio, or HIV. I spent many years chasing neutrons and gamma rays. Never saw one of them either. They are also real.

7. WHY do you say SETI stands for Silly Effort to Investigate?

Frankly I find that there is very little science behind the SETI effort. It is assumed that there are civilizations using communication technologies similar to ones we have developed to try to attract our attention. It assumes there is no colonization and no migration and that nobody is coming here. They assume that because it takes less energy to send signals than to travel, that nobody is traveling. Of course nobody flies from Newark to Hong Kong because the Internet and telephone is cheaper! Hah. It is all fancily dressed hogwash. They could easily be thousands or millions of years ahead of us. An AM radio doesn't pick up FM signals. A German General just before the start of World War II in Europe noted (see Ref. 2) that the Brits were building a whole array of tall (more than 200') towers with cross pieces which he figured had to be part of a radar net. The Graf Zeppelin slowly moved parallel to the array and listened and found no signals. The frequency being used was 10 times higher than what the Germans were using and they fortunately were never aware of how well their planes were being tracked.

If civilizations, with a great deal of common heritage and similar background and access to similar science, can't correctly predict the technique to be used by similar people a few hundred miles away, why assume we can second-guess aliens? They persistently say there is no evidence for UFOs, but always avoid dealing with the large scale scientific studies. Check their references. Look carefully at the Drake Equation, their Holy Grail. We have no way to determine the

lifetime of a civilization, or the fraction of planets that have intelligent life or that develop technology. We have data on one "civilization" on one planet in one solar system. Real scientists don't extrapolate or interpolate from one data point. The SETI people omit colonization and migration which could greatly lengthen the life span of a civilization. That is pseudoscience, no matter how many degreed professionals are involved. Admittedly, their job security is dependent on nobody coming here...

8. WHY hasn't the government taken out Stan Friedman, if what he is saying about a Cosmic Watergate and overwhelming evidence that we have visitors is true?

Obviously I don't speak for the government. I am careful in what I say, and I don't break the law in seeking classified data from people with clearances. I may be doing exactly what they want, that is, preparing the public for the date when the great secret is released. I have never had an unlisted telephone number. It is in my books and on my website. All those lonely drives to Roswell would provide plenty of opportunity. My answering service is instructed to give out my travel information to callers. Frankly, I can't live my life looking over my shoulder. Some have suggested I was too well known and that a sudden death would be suspicious...

9. WHY would people fake a bunch of MJ-12 documents?

I am not a psychiatrist, but I would suggest to enhance status; to think "Gotcha"; or to disinform the public so that the fake



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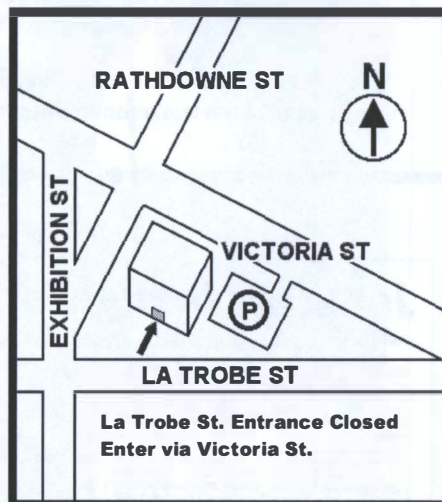
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documents would be an excuse for labeling such genuine documents as the Eisenhower Briefing Document, the Truman-Forrestal Memo, and the Cutler-Twining Memo as frauds. Or, perhaps, might it be to be able to claim that the proponents are stupid or are disinformation specialists? The same old tired false anti-MJ-12 arguments keep being put forth despite the fact that I have demonstrated that they are nonsense. The Majestic 12 article in Wikipedia is loaded with false and misleading claims. For example, in the 5000-word afterword in "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" 2nd Edition (2005), in "Update on Operation Majestic 12" (see www.stantonfriedman.com), in "Roswell and the MJ-12 Documents in the New Millennium" (Ref.5), and in my "Review of Case MJ-12" also on my website I demolish the antis and show that other MJ-12 documents are fraudulent. Remember, one of the key rules for debunkers is "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up." Another is "Do your research by proclamation, investigation is too much trouble and the public won't know the difference." I distinctly showed that at least seven of the supposed MJ-12 documents provided to Timothy Cooper are emulations of real documents published in books and generally available. They were retyped, much handwritten material was Xeroxed or scanned, and the two were combined. And there were often factual misstatements. Deuterium is not light hydrogen. Sandia is in New Mexico, while General Spaatz was not in New Mexico on July 7, 1947 (I found his flight log and a newspaper article and desk calendar indicating he was in Port Aransas, Texas, fishing).

Some of the statements from the phony emulations were repeated in other documents which means the latter ones were also phony. I have been told that when good information is leaked, bad is put out so as to confuse things and imply the real ones are phony: guilt by association. It is interesting that Colonel Richard Weaver, author of the grossly misleading USAF Book "The Roswell Report: Truth vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert" (see Ref. 5) had as his military specialty "Disinformation." He provided the fiction.

10. WHY have you kept at it since reading Ruppelt's book in 1958 and giving your first lecture in 1967?

I enjoy being on the stage and the very enthusiastic response I get from my audiences, especially from the technical societies. I am pleased when people tell me that they decided to teach a course about UFOs, after hearing me talk. I can think of no subject more important to the future for my children and grandson than the notion of an earthling orientation in the hope of helping stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons. What is more exciting than alien visitations and government cover-ups? I believe I bring a unique background to my presentations:

A. So far as I know I have worked on more cancelled high technology classified programs than anybody and so can deal with those silly "It would violate the laws of Physics" arguments. Not many have worked on nuclear airplanes, or in general on fission and fusion propulsion systems.

B. Because I worked on many classified

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programs and have visited 20 archives, I am in a better position than most to deal with the silly "Secrets can't be kept" notions.

C. Because I have probably had to answer about 40,000 questions at lectures and on talk shows and in classes, I have been forced to think about the questions such as the "WHY?" questions, more than most.

D. I was very fortunate to be able to find that my memory was good and reliable (at least until recently) and I could give acceptable answers in a hurry. Being on debate teams in high school probably helped a lot. I have been very lucky, first to have worked on so many leading edge classified programs, and second to be able to provide so many presentations to attentive audiences.

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**Aliens 'took me
from my car'**

A West Midlands businessman told a UFO conference how he was "abducted" by aliens as

opened. Since then he has had flashback recollections of the alien "abduction experience", he said at the two-day International

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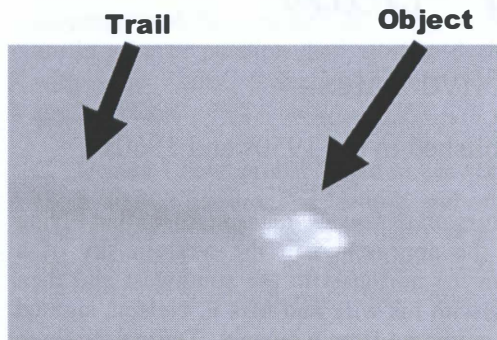
Whyalla, South Australia - February 7, 1958 *Australian Saucer Record* (Australian Flying Saucer Research Society). Mystery surrounds the appearance in the western sky of a glowing unidentified object, which travelled from the northeast to the southwest and then suddenly disappeared. Mr R. Youn, in company with his wife and Mrs F. Nelson, sighted the object at about 11:20 p.m. as they were returning home from a cinema. During the three second view it rapidly changed in appearance from a low flying aeroplane with a powerful green light to a large football shape of bright luminous green. It moved very quickly and then seemed to disappear into thin air.

Others who saw it from a different location confirmed the above. Mr G. Lord, who was returning by car from Adelaide, said when he saw the bowl shaped object it was a startling and magnificent green colour. A disbeliever in flying saucers, Mr Lord said he was so amazed that he stopped the car when the object flashed into view. Moving at great speed the object suddenly disappeared.

Anderson, Indiana - September 30, 1966 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). Two police officers sighted a highly manoeuvrable UFO shortly after 02:00 a.m. after they left Community Hospital. A NICAP member obtained a copy of the police log on the case. Just after turning south on Madison Avenue, Officer Dave Lehr noticed an object in the western sky moving south. He called it to the attention of his partner, Officer Phil Carr, who was driving. Officer Carr pulled the police cruiser to the side of the road and the two men observed the aerial phenomenon.

The UFO resembled a satellite, except that it was below the over-cast, and made a sharp turn to the southwest as they watched. It was a plain white colour until it neared a group of trees to the southwest; then it suddenly changed appearance to a red flashlight. Shortly afterwards it hovered, and then began descending toward the ground. For about five minutes the UFO seemed to hover, at times rising and descending again. A very large bluish-white light pulsated around the object as it manoeuvred near the trees. Lehr and Carr radioed for another cruiser to witness the UFO but the object disappeared behind the trees shortly before the second vehicle arrived.

Da Nang, South Vietnam - June 10, 1967 *Saucer News* (Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society). The U.S. Air Force is investigating numerous reports that a UFO was sighted northwest of the big military base at Da Nang. Although the Air Force has made no report of the incident, informed sources say that many servicemen saw an object described as cylindrical and silver coloured. Two F102 jets were sent up after it but were unable to make contact with it.



Above: Enlargement of the object and trail.

Below: Original shot. Cropped slightly from the original



Narre Warren South 30th November, 2006 8:25pm

The photo (left) was taken by a family out walking in their local neighbourhood in Narre Warren South and contains a very interesting object.

Photo was taken facing towards the South, therefore, the object was travelling from East to West as can be assumed from the visible trail.

The witness describes

We stopped near the corner as can be seen on the photo while taking an evening walk...I took the photo of our son as he was waiting for us to catch up to him as he was riding and we were walking. I had no idea the image was captured as I was too busy convincing our son to stay long enough for me to take a photo. Plus the camera is a few years old so the actual screen is small. It was taken by Sony Cybershot 3.2 mega pixels camera. Like I mentioned I only realised there was something unusual after downloading it onto the computer. My husband didn't see anything going past as he probably wasn't looking that direction at the time. It's funny because we don't normally take the camera with us while going for a walk but it was a warm evening and the sky was so clear, but now I'm glad that we did.

Fireball???

Note: Fireball/Meteor reports hit the media across Victoria and South Australia in the days just prior to this photo being taken. See the following articles.

Meteor in the sky above Victoria & South Australia Monday 27th November, 2006

Police in SA said they took calls from just after 8pm (CST) on Monday from Renmark and Loxton in the Riverland, most Adelaide suburbs and then from people living south of the city, with reports of something looking like a fireball in the sky.

In Victoria, callers to ABC Radio, from Bendigo to Horsham in the state's north-west down to Colac in the south-west, reported seeing a bright green coloured object shooting westward in the sky.

One caller, Jeff, said he saw what he thought was a comet about 8.30pm (AEDT) as he was driving into Horsham.

"It was green like a meteorite or shooting star," he told ABC Radio.

"It was really pretty bright and you could see something else coming down as well, but what it was I don't know."

Monty from Kaniva, near the SA border, said the object was bright and appeared to have debris trailing behind it.

"It was before sunset and normally you only see those things in the dark," Monty said.

"The trail hung in the sky for at least 15 minutes afterward like a jet stream."

Allen at Colac said: "I was sitting at the Shell servo at Colac and I was looking to the north and you could see the green light with the tail thing behind it."

Brian, who owns a farm at Laanecoorie, west of Bendigo, said he and his wife were outside when they saw the comet-like object streak across the sky.

"We looked up and there was a green comet-like thing dropping out of the western sky," Brian said.

"It dropped over the trees at the back of our property and it was making a tail as it went down."

An SA Police spokesman said later that the Bureau of Meteorology confirmed the object was a meteor.

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Airport West, VIC

29 April 1995, 6:25pm—6:45pm

I have a sighting here which I viewed with my sister and mother 10 years ago which I had recorded for myself and filed away. I did this as at the time I didn't know who to report this to without being ridiculed or just disregarded. So I've just recently decided to get what I had recorded with pen and paper out and forward the details of it for interest value if nothing else.

Weather conditions: Overcast low cloud, cool, moderate wind, no precipitation.

The object was first seen by myself in the SE direction moving very slowly in a northerly direction at an angle of about 25 to 35 degrees. It appeared as a single yellow light about the size and brightness of Venus and occasionally changed direction slightly as it travelled northwards, but always maintained a general northerly direction. I estimated its distance to be around 5 to 6 km at the time. At this time I thought it was an aircraft of

some sort but was curious as to its very slow motion along the eastern horizon.

It continued on its course and seemed to get a little closer until it stopped dead in line with my position so that it was directly east of me now and was hovering in mid air. It had taken ten minutes for it to reach this position and now I was intrigued at the fact it was hovering. Also a second light had appeared on the craft just a minute or so before it stopped, this was red in colour and was less bright and smaller than the first light. At this time I called my mother and sister to come and have a look. We watched it for two minutes until a white light flashed from it like a light from an aircraft. This flashed once and it began moving directly towards us. At this time I was assuming it to be a helicopter. The only problem with this assumption was the fact that the two lights had remained in the same position when the craft was heading Northward as they were when the craft was now flying Westward towards us.

It approached us with a quicker speed than what it was travelling with before and took about two minutes to near our position. As it began to come closer at an angle of about 65 degrees to us, a third light emerged from the rear of the object and became visible as it began to fly overhead. This light was another yellow one identical to the first one. This formed a triangular pattern with the red light at the north, a yellow light directly south from it and the

second yellow light between the two but towards the east forming a quite symmetrical triangle. Also a low humming noise was becoming apparent as it neared and this grew louder as it approached. This made me think it was possibly a small aircraft like a Cessna or something similar. It had lowered in altitude and seemed to be at a height of around 1000m - 1500m. I tried to see if I could make out some sort of craft structure, but I could not see any of the familiar lighting of wings, fuselage or even windows of any kind that you can see normally on aircraft at night. There were just these three lights and nothing else. However what it did next convinced us that it was something strange. As it was directly overhead, it instantly changed direction and started heading north again. There was no curvature of turning or even a pause for it to change direction. Also the lights remained in exactly the same position as they were previously, indicating that the orientation of the craft remained the same no matter what direction it flew in.

We watched it head northward for around 5-7 minute or so as the humming gradually dimmed and became inaudible as it drew away and the northern yellow light was obscured by the body of the craft after it had flown some distance away from us. It occasionally changed direction slightly but maintained a general path northwards until it was no longer visible due to the distance it had flown. The whole event had lasted about 20 mins. I have a very active interest in aircraft and astronomical phenomena and have just completed a degree in Space Science so I think I have a reasonable idea of how airborne subjects should behave. To this day I am still convinced that what we saw was not a conventional form or aircraft or atmospheric phenomena.

**From a ship (Achille Lauro) off Melbourne
Sometime in 1969
Dark Evening around Dinner time**

I was 13 years old at the time and My family was having our evening meal on the ship (Achille Lauro) taking us from Perth to New Zealand. I went up on deck to see lights of Melbourne which we were passing. These (Melbourne) lights were visible to my right as I looked towards the back of the ship.

I noticed a light directly behind the ship and I thought it was the mast light of a boat in the distance crossing the wake.

It was moving in an arc back and forth consistent with a small boat rocking quite violently. Then the light shot straight up and darted back and forth it would turn right angles with no apparent loss of speed. This went on for some time it was moving very fast and its movement was not that of any aircraft as it was so fast but each change of direction was in an instant.

It eventually disappeared and I ran down to tell my parent still at the meal table who were not in the least interested!

I know this was long ago and probably not of much significance now. Since this time I have been in responsible jobs such as Traffic Police and I am a trained investigator.

I did see something that I can't explain and I have over the years read of other reports of this type of sighting.

Paradise Beach, Gippsland, VIC
1 January, 2006 8:49pm

G'day on the 1st of January 2006 I went to the sink to get a glass of water when i noticed the sky was all red out side.

I ran into my mums room and ran out side to take some digital pictures I was using a RICOH 3.2 mega-pixel digital camera I was facing towards the west taking photo's of the weird cloud formations the weather conditions were perfect I didn't notice anything weird except for the cloud formations when I down loaded the pictures the next day into my computer I noticed a white ball of light, I thought it was strange as it doesn't show up in the first frame but then appears in my second frame then doesn't appear in my third, 4th and 5th frame only the second one there was no sound and I didn't even see anything in the viewfinder I only noticed it when I downloaded the images into my computer.

I dunno what it is..?

Investigation Notes: As the witness describes, the white ball of light was not noticed at the time the pictures were taken. We have printed two of the picture from the series. The bottom image contains the white ball. The top image was taken just after.

This is a classic case of lens flare being the cause for the "white ball of light".

Lens flare is generally unwanted light present within lens systems due to internal reflections and impurities of the lens. Usually, lens flare is not seen within images, but if there is a very bright light source present then lens flare is more likely to appear. Cameras with complex zoom lenses are even more prone to lens flare due to the larger number of elements available to cause internal reflections.

In the case above, the bright light source is the Sun itself as it is setting in the Western sky.

VUFORS receives these kinds of photos regularly and we believe that it is important to publish an explanation so that others can understand another of the many causes for strange objects that appear on photos.



Doncaster, VIC
5 February, 2006 5:30AM

Three witnesses watched a white oval object in the Northern sky for approximately 30 minutes. Several mobile phone photos were taken but were not made available to VUFORS. Weather was clear at the time.

Warranwood, VIC
9 February, 2006 9:27PM

Round, white object first seen in the Southern sky by a lone witness. 2 to 3 mm in size relative to outstretched thumbnail. Clear sky, full moon.

Witness description below:

Virtually overhead. Slightly east of Dandenong ranges. Travelled in a NNE direction. Seemed high in the sky. No sound and the night was quiet. Constant height and direction till it faded from view in the distance. First thought it was a plane, but was captivated by the speed and kept watching. No Sound. One very bright light which continued its brightness even after it was travelling away. No other lights visible at all.

Keilor-Melton Highway, VIC
1 March, 2006 8:10PM

Three witnesses watched an orange, cigar shaped object in the North West for approximately 10 minutes around sunset in a cloudless sky. Size was relative to a five cent piece held at arms length.

It was stationary for about five minutes, then moved slightly to the right and hovered there then disappeared.

Macleod, VIC
6 March, 2006 6:05AM

Single witness videoed a round, white/yellow object the apparent size of a 50 cent piece at arms length in the Eastern sky.

My sighting is recorded on a Sony hand held video camera. It runs for about 5 to 7 minutes. At first it looked like a star but it kept disappearing. The shape got bigger and smaller then moved up, down side ways round and round. At one stage it looked like the moon but zoomed in on camera it had a bubble effect with a shaded dark circle at the top half. When it disappeared it came back smaller and it looked like it was changing shape, within this shape you could see lights inside moving around and around. After it appeared for the 3rd time i could see from the naked eye but it would not come up on camera. The shape moved like nothing i had ever seen before. The recording has been transferred to video and is a lot clearer to see images than on the camera. When it disappeared it moved backwards really fast and faded away, when it appeared it moved forward really quick then moved up, down, round, sideways and every which way but normal. When the sunrise started to happen it no longer appeared. This is the most bizarre thing I have ever seen. I have shown about 30 people and no one can understand what the object is and how it moves the way it does.

Hidden Valley, VIC
11 March, 2006 10:00PM

Three witnesses observed what they described as a "bright satellite" in the Northern sky for over five minutes.

Looked like a bright satellite but not continuous light. Would flash every 10-11 seconds. Appeared to be changing direction and possible moving in a large circle.

Melbourne Suburbs, VIC
Sunday 19th March 2006 1:15pm
& Thursday 23rd March 2006 3:00am

Duration of first sighting 2-3 mins. & 2nd sighting 2-3 secs.

Witnesses: two 1st sighting & one 2nd sighting

Firstly I would like to say that I work with doctors so I have to be careful, even though a doctor was with me at the time, he and I are worried about the implications or if people think a doctor is seeing ufo's, that is why I thought about this for over a week before doing this but what I saw has played on my mind and I wish to get it off my chest.

On Sunday 19th March 1.15pm approx. we stepped out of the car which was facing north. I lit a cigarette and stood up leaning on the drivers door and faced south as the sun was very bright so I faced away from it. Relaxing & enjoying the warmth of the afternoon sun, I felt a tingling sensation and compelled to look skyward toward the south and watched the clouds to the south-east drift passed. Then a flash of bright light caught my attention. You know when an aircraft has landing lights at night how bright they can be, similar but only brighter coming toward me from the south. At first I thought what is a star doing at this time of day, but this thing was a different shape at first, more like a diamond with a bright light at the bottom with a bluish/green haze or mist circling the underside. It seemed to be stationary at first (hovering) approx. a kilometre or two away, then it started to move upward and to the left, it was moving slowly but constantly

from the south of me toward the north east. I wasn't sure at first what to make of this thing but it had direction and it seemed to be just cruising along and keeping close to the edges of the clouds. This all took place in a matter of about a minute so I thought I wanted to get a closer look and being a bit of a stargazer at night when we work travelling throughout Melbourne in the outer suburbs, I keep a pair of binoculars in the car, so I grabbed them and looked skyward to where I thought this thing was and focused on an object which now scared me a little. As soon as I focused on the object it took shape from the underneath of a round ball with something on top so it had

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depth and the colour was that of unpolished aluminium. It reflected sunlight off it on the north side but on the south side away from the sun it was darker as in a dull grey metallic colour. It also had this strange glowing ring of mist at the bottom which changed from a blue haze to a green glowing mist. it also had some kind of strobe or bright light at the bottom flashing occasionally. I followed this amazing sphere for about another minute along the cloud line and it travelled toward the north east. Then it stopped in mid air and just sat there for a couple of seconds as if it wanted me to have a good look, then it changed to a darker colour and it took off at an incredible speed toward the north west. It went from standing still to out of sight in a matter of less than a second. It could not have been a plane or helicopter as they don't fly as this thing did, it would be impossible for a normal aircraft to do what this glowing sphere did. I was able to get an approx size of the sphere as a flock of birds flew under it

when it was hovering and it seemed to be about the size of a car or small plane but without the wings.

I have seen many strange lights in the outer eastern suburbs on many occasions but nothing up close like this and it has stuck in my mind ever since. I now believe there are other things in this world that we are not aware of and I hope that by doing this that someone else may have seen the same as I have.

A couple of days later on the 23rd at about 3am in (another suburb) working with the same doctor I once again felt I had to look skyward as the stars were bright and a fog was drifting in from the south east. Very briefly a flash of light in the eastern sky in fact quite low/just above the fog cover a yellowish/white round shaped object appeared out of nowhere and for a split second changed from round to oval and then, at a speed which took it from zero to faster than a jet at full speed but not quite as fast as a meteorite. It had changed shape and sped off toward Mt. Dandenong.

The whole scene only lasted for about 2-3 seconds but as it was speeding away you could see a vapour trail or tail like a comet. But I can tell you this was no comet or aircraft or any man made object that I have ever seen before. I hope you don't think I am crazy but these sightings did happen and I will swear under oath if needed. I thought about both of these strange sightings for days before I got in contact with you but didn't know who else to talk to.

I am sorry to take up so much of your space but I feel at ease now that it's done. Thank you for your patience and time.

Editors Notes:

This is an excellent daylight sighting from a respected member of the Melbourne community who, as part of their job, travels around the suburbs of Melbourne at all times of the day and night and subsequently is very familiar with the "normal" things that can be seen.

The report has been slightly edited to remove items that could identify the reporter or the details of their occupation.

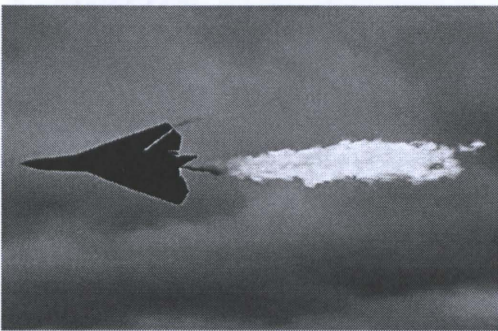
It continues to astound me that even these days, there are sections of our community that are fearful of the repercussions of reporting a UFO to their careers. Hopefully, this report will encourage others in a similar situation to come forward and report their encounters in a confidential manner. All members of the community are seeing objects in the sky that they cannot explain. No one should lose their job for talking about such a sighting but I expect that we will have to maintain that confidentiality well into the future.

Portarlington, VIC
Sunday 9 April, 2006 Daytime

On Sunday in Portarlington, my parents were walking along the beach, when they saw a beam of light shoot up from the water and towards the sky, from the northern Werribee direction. It lasted for about 5 seconds.

I'm not sure if this is a sighting or not. It was in broad daylight so someone else must have seen it. They have not spoken to any of the locals yet.

Have you had any other reports? Is this worth reporting? Is it explainable?



Investigation Notes:

Investigation has found that there was an airshow in progress at Point Cook which is approximately 15km North East of Portarlington directly across Corio Bay.

The RAAF Point Cook Air Pagant is run every two years. Quote below from an air show report

"As a finale a General Dynamics F-111 from RAAF Amberley / Queensland performed several passes ending in their signature "Dump and Burn" that only the "pigs" are famous for! "

The "Dump and Burn" is something that the F-111 (aka Pig) often performs at air shows and is an amazing effect to see. It involves the pilots of the F-111 dumping jet fuel via the vent at the rear of the aircraft and also engaging the afterburners of the two engines. This results in the jettisoned fuel being burnt and producing a huge flame.

Witnesses most likely saw this from across the bay. ■

Communion—20 Years On

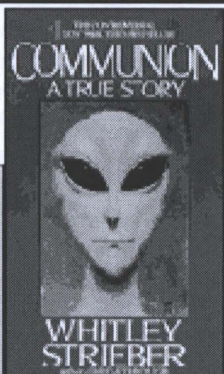
It is now more than 20 years since Whitley Strieber had his first experience on December 26, 1985.

Streibers encounters continued and he documented them in the book, *Communion* and the follow-on, *Transformation*.

Communion later was made into a movie in 1989 starring Christopher Walken.

Keep in touch with the writings of Whitley Strieber on his web site at:

www.unknowncountry.com



Carnegie/Murrumbeena, VIC
Sunday 14 May, 2006 10:35pm

The following two reports were received the day after the sightings by two unrelated witnesses who live in the same general area of Melbourne. The locations are approximately 2 kilometres apart by road with the Murrumbeena location to the North of the Carnegie location.

The Carnegie witness states that the object moved away from him towards the South, although the Murrumbeena witness states the object to have been in the North West and travelling North.

In spite of the differences in the apparent direction, the two groups were probably observing the same object.

Carnegie, VIC

10:45pm

3 to 4 minute duration

I saw an orange light fairly high in the sky. It was pulsating (not flashing) approximately every second or two. Because of it's orangey colour, I thought at first it was a planet, and wondered which it may be. However, it was much brighter than I would have expected of a planet, especially as there wasn't a single other star or planet visible at the time, due to the overcast conditions.

I then wondered if it was some type of aircraft, and studied it carefully relative to a rooftop - it appeared to be completely stationary. I was then beginning to wonder if it may be a helicopter, but there was no sound at all.

I was just coming to the conclusion that it must be a star or planet, and was so visible due to some unusual atmospheric conditions, when it started to move away from me to the South - slowly at first, and then accelerated quite rapidly until it was gone beyond my horizon in less than 30 seconds. There was still no sound at all.

Murrumbeena, VIC

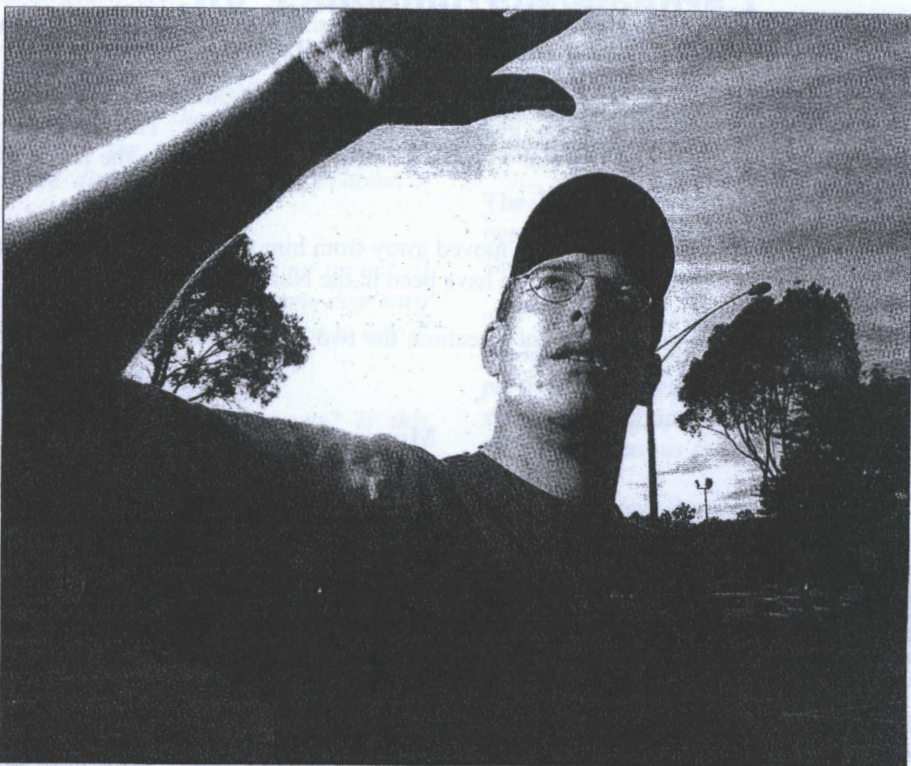
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3 to 4 minute duration

First noticed the object whilst in bed and during an ad break glanced out the window to see the orange light move past silhouetted trees in foreground.

Initially thought it was a plane but it soon became apparent there were no navigation lights, just the bright orange. I went out to the front porch which faces west and saw the object continuing northwards. If it were an aircraft of some kind the engine noise should of been audible as the object appeared only a few kilometers away.

Instead it was perfectly silent and moved steadily for the most part until at one point it appeared to slow and dip ever so slightly, then resume its previous speed. Sighting was lost beyond rooftops as it progressed in a North-North Westerly direction.



RATTLED: Daimin Mole is at a loss to explain the object he and his mother saw hovering in Highton on Tuesday night.

Photo: REG RYAN

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, I think it's a UFO

RAINIE FRASER

IF you've seen something strange flying through the night sky this week, you're not alone.

Wandana Heights resident Daimin Mole got the shock of his life on Tuesday when a car trip from Ocean Grove became a mystery involving a low-flying, unidentifiable object near Safeway, in Highton's shopping centre.

Mr Mole said he had no idea what the object was, but was "freaked out" enough to email the *Geelong Advertiser* in the hope other people may have seen the same thing.

He was travelling along Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont, with his mother, Joyce, about 11.45pm on Tuesday when he noticed a bright light in the sky.

"It was probably several kilometres in the distance and pretty high up," Mr Mole said. "We turned into Roslyn Rd and could see it again, except it was

a lot closer and had very bright lights that looked like two lights very close together."

Mr Mole and his mother realised they were gaining on the UFO as they approached the roundabout near Safeway, where they found it hovering, stationary, about 25m off the ground.

He said it was flying "really low" and had wingtip and nose lights, like a jet fighter, but with its wings further forward.

"It was not like a plane I've

ever seen — it was sitting still, not very high off the ground and didn't make a sound," he said. "I'm still freaked out. The assumption is that it can only be one of two things — military or alien."

Astronomical Society of Geelong president Frank Baker said he hadn't heard of any other UFO sightings on Tuesday night, but unexplainable incidents were rare.

"It's not often, but we do get them occasionally," Mr Baker said.

"The most common one we get is Venus, because it's so bright and if you're driving it looks like you're being followed, especially if surrounded by trees.

"Other than that, in 30-odd years I'm yet to see something that makes me think, 'What's that? I'm not sure'."

Mr Baker said there was a simple explanation for most UFO sightings, but noted it was "weird" that he hadn't heard of similar reports from the area.

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Jet stars in flights of fancy about UFO visit

RAINIE FRASER

GEELONG residents say a mystery object hovering in the sky above Highton this week may have been a Jetstar plane.

Some people who saw a lit-up unidentified flying object on Tuesday night dismissed suggestions it may have been a passenger plane but several readers contacted the *Geelong Advertiser* saying Jetstar did fly over Geelong at night.

Air Services Australia phone operator Phillip, who didn't want to give his last name, said he couldn't find any record of planes flying over the region that night.

But he said Geelong was on the outskirts of the corporation's flight path system, meaning any planes travelling through the city's skies could go undetected.

"There was only one jet arrival into Avalon at 8.55pm on the seventh (of August) so I can't see anything that would explain that," Phillip said.

"It looks like there was another Jetstar flight that departed from Tullamarine and... probably would have gone over land to the south of water near Avalon on an approach probably at 9.05pm or 9.10pm."

Highton resident Lester Deans said he couldn't believe his eyes when a flying object he'd seen several times in the sky over Buckley Falls in recent months flew over his house last week.

"Most of the time they stay a long way away then move a little bit closer but last week I was watching it and it started to move around quite a bit," Mr Deans said.

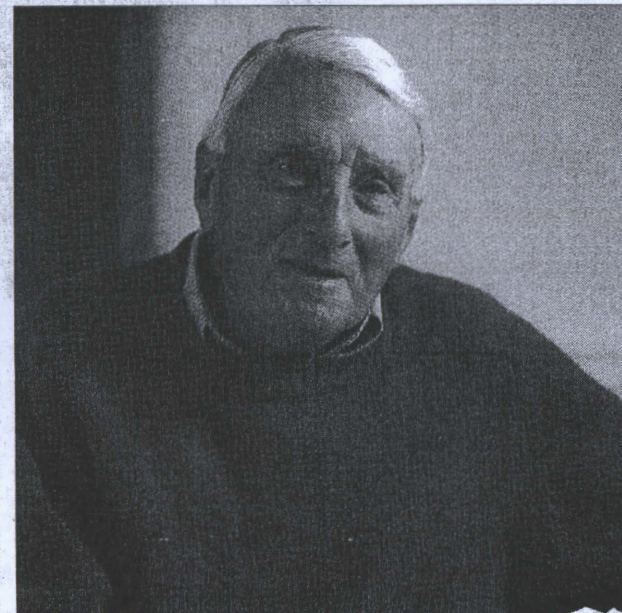
"It finished up getting brighter and brighter and was obviously moving straight at us and went over the house... it was about 500m or 1000m above us."

Mr Deans said the object, which had blue, red and white lights on its front and sides, usually moved silently but he detected engine noise as it moved over his house.

Newcomb resident James Primmer said he was driving on Roslyn Road about 12.25am on Wednesday when he noticed lights "like high beams" about 10m in the air above his car.

"It actually did spin me out a bit — I thought, is that a plane coming down?" Mr Primmer said.

"I pulled over and had a look but could hear nothing from it. It was quiet as anything."



STRANGE LIGHTS: Highton resident Lester Deans said he couldn't believe his eyes when a flying object he'd seen several times in the sky over Buckley Falls in recent months flew over his house last week.

Photo: REG RYAN

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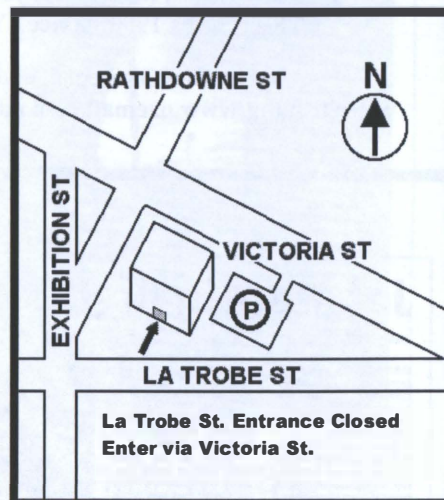
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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